

## READY FOR OLYMPIAD

Greatest Meet in History Begins To-morrow.

WILL CONTINUE TWO WEEKS

Athletes from All Parts of World in London for Championships in Mammoth Stadium—Record-breaking Sale of Seats—Table of Events, Tracks in Best Condition.

With the greatest athletes of the world competing the Olympic games of 1908 will open in the mammoth stadium at Shepherd's Bush, London, to-morrow. Nothing to equal the eleven-day struggle on track, field, and water has ever been attempted heretofore in the history of sport, and given proper weather conditions there appears to be every promise of a most wonderful contest and new records. For months the most famous athletes of England, Canada, Australia, the United States, France, Germany, Sweden, and many other countries have been training for these events. Now on the eve of the great international contest for Olympic titles world comes from England that the various teams are in readiness for the series of contests which will mark a new epoch in the history of the world's amateur athletes.

So great is the interest which has been aroused in the series of events that London, great as it is, is said to be overflowing with athletic enthusiasts and athletic interest. Even the staid Britishers have been seized with a realization of the greatness of the programme and the thrills that will witness the contests, and according to reports from Americans now in England explain the marked increase in the price of commodities of all kinds by noting that "it is due to the Olympic games." The Franco-British Exposition, in connection with which the Olympiad is to be held, has proved a great boom to London and the surrounding country and, beginning to-morrow, all roads will lead to the great stadium wherein for the next two weeks the athletes from all parts of the world will compete.

Seats for 75,000 Persons.

Everything in connection with the games has been planned on a scale in keeping with that of the stadium, which is by far the greatest structure ever erected for an athletic meet. The mammoth amphitheater will seat more than 75,000 spectators, and includes two tracks, the largest of which is more than a third of a mile in circumference. It is so large that the marble stadium at Athens, in which the Olympic games of 1896 were held, could be set on the infield alone without interfering with the use of the double tracks. Nor are the tracks and infield the only features of the Shepherd's Bush Stadium, for a swimming pool, 100 yards in length and many feet wide, together with several hundred dressing rooms, bath, for the exhibition of athletic paraphernalia and trophies, immense covered grand stands and scores of other minor accessories, are all included within the outer walls of the stadium structure.

For more than a year now the British Olympic Committee has been preparing for the meeting which begins to-morrow with elaborate ceremonies. So well has it done the work that everything is in readiness for the contests, and, judging from the glowing reports from American athletes early on the spot, nothing is missing to make the meeting a success. Both tracks and turf, composed as they are of cinders, cement and sand, have been rolled, seeded over, and otherwise prepared by experts until now await the coming of the shot putters, pole vaulters, bicycle riders, runners, and other athletes in a condition which appears to make the breaking of existing records not only possible but probable.

**Record Sale of Seats.**  
The advance sale of seats is said to have surpassed anything in the history of British sports, and it is confidently predicted that for every athlete sent in competition there will be a hundred or more spectators to cheer him on in his efforts. Some idea of the size of the venture may be obtained from the statement that the running expenses of the stadium and games alone will be more than \$5,000 per day, which, added to the original cost of the structure, exceeding as it did \$500,000, makes it necessary for the committee to draw thousands of spectators at each and every session in order that the two weeks' meet may not be conducted at a loss.

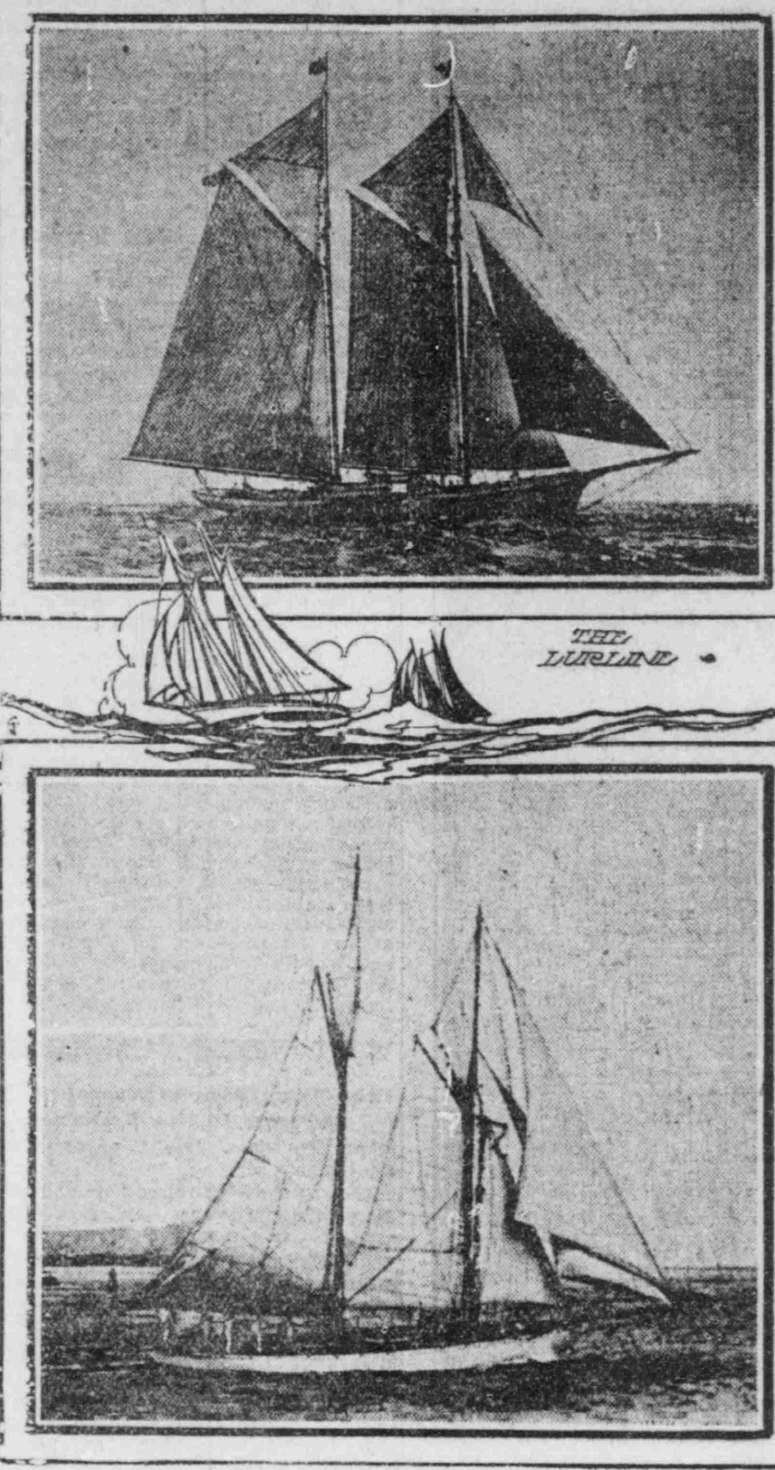
The stadium, which is laid out with the longer sides of the oval facing the east and west, is divided into seven-four sections. The covered grand stands, which include the royal box and the attendant choice of boxes, are on the west side of the stadium and face the swimming pool. On both sides of this series of stands come immense tiers of uncovered seats. On the north and south sections of the oval are wings to the end stands, which correspond to a certain extent with the bleachers at an American baseball park. The east side of the stadium also has an immense covered grand stand in its center with uncovered sections on both sides, but the prices here will not be as high as those charged for the west stand because of the distance from the finish line and also because of the dazzling effects of the sun each afternoon.

For the boxes, each of which will accommodate four persons, the charge for a season ticket, which will be valid for three morning and afternoon sessions will be \$25. A similar reservation for the opening and closing days will cost \$12, with a charge for single afternoon sessions of \$2 and for the morning sessions one-half these figures. Reserved seats back of the boxes in the west stand bring \$2.50 for the session of twenty-three meetings, with the opening and closing days charge \$10.50. Ordinary afternoon charges are \$2.50. From these figures the price range is as low as 15 cents for a season ticket and \$1.25 for a single session admission.

**Will Fill All Seats.**  
It will not, of course, be possible for the holders of these latter coupons to appreciate as fully the events that are transpiring in the stadium, as it will for the privileged grand stand spectators, since it is considerably more than a quarter of a mile from the southern end of the amphitheater. Notwithstanding the immensity of the stadium and the long list of contests which the two weeks' programme calls for, it is the belief of those in charge that the afternoon sessions each day will comfortably fill the many thousands of seats, while the opening and closing days and Saturdays will see record-breaking throngs filling the great hippodrome to its full capacity.

The programme for the long struggle for the world's athletic championship has been planned with mathematical precision. At each morning and afternoon session for the eleven days of the meeting so many hours and minutes have been allotted to each class of contests. The morning sessions will open promptly at 10 o'clock and continue until noon. At 2:30 there will be a renewal of the various struggles, and while the programme will be varied from day to day, the same classification of events will

## PARTICIPATING IN TRANS-PACIFIC RACE.



In the trans-Pacific race, San Pedro to Honolulu, which was started on Saturday, there are four boats, one of which, the schooner Hawaii, was built at Honolulu by popular subscription. She had to cross the Pacific to start in the race, and so much energy has been shown by those in charge of the vessel that there are many who wish that she may prove the winner. Opposed to her is the schooner Lurline, the property of Mr. H. H. Sinclair, a veteran Pacific yachtsman, the winner of the first trans-Pacific race, 1906, and the yachtsman, the Glendolyn II, and the Lady Maud, of San Diego. The finish of the race is to be off Diamond Head, known to every traveler across the Pacific. There was much difficulty in obtaining

continue until by a long series of elimination tests the eventual winners are produced from the many hundreds of athletes entered. Owing to the double system of tracks and the immense infield it will be possible to hold running races, bicycle contests, field athletics, and swimming contests at one and the same time, and with all these features in progress at once the three-day circus will be no longer a spectacle to marvel over.

**Programme of Events.**  
The time chart, as it is known in England, has been drawn up to cover the entire eleven days, as follows:

**FIRST WEEK—JULY 13 TO 18.**

July 13—Opening ceremony.

July 14—Morning—10 a. m. Afternoon—2 p. m.

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